

West Brookfield, Vt.  
June 29. 1859.

Esteemed Friend Garrison;

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You wrote  
me Jan. 21. 1859 in regard to  
"Misconduct and Clergy unknown  
to Christianity" and "The Bible against  
Oppression"; forwarding them to me  
at that time, but for some reason  
they did not reach me. I  
patiently waited till May 22<sup>nd</sup>  
when I wrote you in regard to  
them, enclosing 24cts in stamps  
to pay for same; also requesting you  
to send me your speech last  
winter on the "petition" before the  
Committee on Federal Relations,  
also inquiring why Wendell Phil-  
lips forbade or requested you  
not to publish his speech in

N. Y. at the meeting of the  
American A. S. Society.

I thought you probably  
had much to occupy your  
mind at that time as <sup>it</sup> was  
near the time of the N. E.  
Convention, but I began to fear  
you did not receive that  
letter. It is a small matter  
to be sure, but I should  
like to be gratified in perusing  
them unless "fate" is bound  
to prevent it. If you received  
my letter please forward them  
at your convenience, but if  
you did not receive it,  
please give yourself no further  
trouble about the affair, as  
I fear I have given you too  
much trouble already.

P. O. address, E. Braintree, Vt.

Yours, ever fraternally,

Jehiel Claffin.

P. S. In your letter you sent  
you regard to ~~the~~ my "dear wife".  
Permit me to say that no per-  
son ever visited us who made  
such an impression on her mind,  
as for whom she entertains so  
high regards as for yourself; but  
dear as she is (and she is truly  
dear to me) it gives me pain to  
say to you that, recently, we  
think we have just cause for  
alarm in regard to <sup>her</sup> health and  
life in consequence of a local  
difficulty which baffles the  
skill of our physician. It is of  
an abdominal character. I  
have applied to Prof. Pearse of  
Hanover N. H. Truly, "all flesh  
is as grass." J. C.

